

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph at page 13, lines 15-24, as follows:

Figure 8 shows another variant in which the housing 20 has surfaces 21, 22, 23 and 25 similar to those indicated by the same reference numbers in figure 3, the frustoconical surface 24 being replaced by a flat surface ~~[[28]]~~ 29 facing the shoulder 25. The sealing ring may originally have a rectangular section and be entirely housed, after screwing, between the shoulders 25 and ~~[[28]]~~ 23. In this variant also, the groove 18 is removed, its function being performed by the annular space delimited by the surfaces 23, 25 and ~~[[28]]~~ 29.